

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 714

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach David Kragel and the Walter State Community College Women's Basketball Team.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Senators of Walter State Community College are one such estimable basketball team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004-2005 season, establishing a record of twenty-six wins and only three losses during the regular season, the best in school history, on their way to claiming the TJCCA/NJCAA Region VII Championship; and

WHEREAS, Lady Senator Sonja Jackson was named Most Valuable Player for the tournament and teammates Brittany Frazier and Cortney Brown were named to the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, earning a berth in the NJCAA national tournament in Salina, Kansas, Walter State Community College finished in a very respectable eighth place; and

WHEREAS, the women from Walter State were led by a tremendous frontcourt duo; forward Cortney Brown, who was named a first team All-American, became only the second First Team All-American in the history of Walter State and the first since 1984-85 and forward Brittany Frazier was named Honorable Mention All-American; and

WHEREAS, with great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Walter State Community College women's basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the 2004-2005 Lady Senators are: Sonya Jackson, Samantha Houston, Krystal Churchman, Danielle Galbreath, Shay Jones, Victoria Blanchard, Tomica Hodge, Yaneesa Simpson, Shea Bell, Katy McInnis, Natasha Ferguson, Brittany Frazier, Cortney Brown, Jules Jenkins, and Brittiany Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, under the able leadership of Head Coach David Kragel, the Lady Senators have grown into a high-caliber program. His excellence in coaching was most appropriately recognized earlier this year when he was inducted into the TJCCAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the women's basketball players at Walter State Community College epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an extraordinary basketball season, but also surely bodes well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Walter State Community College Lady Senators for winning the 2004-2005 TJCCA/NJCAA Region VII Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Head Coach David Kragel and the members of the Walter State Community College women's basketball team on their extraordinary season and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.